

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10 December 2009 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10 December 2009 has been considered by the examiner and the submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97.

PTO Form 1449 dated 24 April 2008, the Examiner notes that:

- Regarding the English language translation of Japanese Office Action dated April 1, 2008 issued in a counterpart Japanese application, the Japanese application is 2004-524134.
- Regarding Korean Office Action issued in Korean Application 10-2005-7001462 is dated 14 June 2006 and Korean Office Action issued in Korean Application 10-2006-7021448 is dated 4 December 2006. The Examiner has added the dates for the corresponding Korean Office Action(s) to the PTO Form 1449 as corrected and validated by Mr. Ian Volek (Registration # 59,240) on 22 March 2010.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mia M. Thomas whose telephone number is (571)270-1583. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh M. Mehta can be reached on 571-272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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